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16 November 1955

MEMORANDUM FOR: DD/I Representative

Inter-agency Priorities Committee

FROM:

Chief, St/I/RR

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SUBJECT:

Supplementary ORR Target on the USSR for the

REFERENCE:

dated 13 October 1955

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- 1. Paragraph 54 of referenced report states that the Soviet Union publishes a "confidential publication with a limited circulation" that "comes out monthly and gives full statistics on all kinds of costs of production, harvest statistics, employment data, crop yields, etc." and "absolute figures ... on the production of such items as cement, tractors, combines, automobiles, etc." The name of the publication is unknown.
- The source of referenced report states that it was his guess "that the circulation of this publication is restricted to government economists and economists working in the institutes of the Academy of Sciences and to those professors who have some consultative or other connection with the Academy of Sciences or with some governmental organization." He doubted that the publication reached "economists at all the universities and institutes."
- 3. It is obvious that the acquisition of this periodical would constitute an important step forward in economic intelligence. Accordingly, ORR is anxious that this vital statistical publication be considered as a critical target for collection priority.
- 4. By reason of its particular importance to ORR, this target should be considered as a supplement to Group I of the ORR list of targets for the submitted under cover of our memorandum, dated 20 September 1955. Attached is a sheet on which the target is presented.

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COUNTRY: USSR

GROUP I

TARGET

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"Confidential" statistical publication of the Soviet Union. Copies are published monthly, but the exact title is unknown.

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NOTE: Quotations are from paragraphs 54 and 55 of report,

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